

# Bidirectional Search in a String with Wavelet Trees

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# Problem description

Given: string  $S$

el\_anele\_lepanelen\$

Find pattern:  $l$

e **l** \_ane **l** e\_ **l** epane **l** en\$

“Forward search” for  $e$

e l\_ane **le** \_ **le** pane **le** n\$

“Backward search” for  $e$

e l\_an **ele** \_lepan **ele** n\$

**Goal:** “full text index” supporting *efficient bidirectional search*

## Forward search

- Suffix tree (*Weiner P., 1973*)
- Suffix array (*Manber et al., 1990*)
- and several variants...

## Backward search

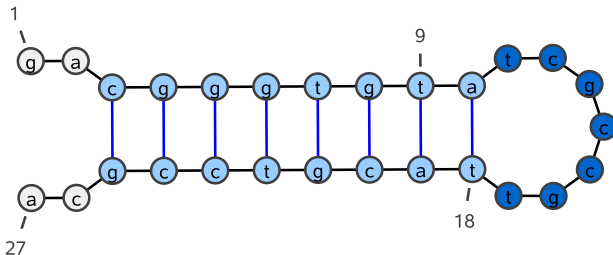
- “FM-Index” (*Ferragina et al., 2000*)
- variant, using a “Wavelet Tree” (*Grossi et al., 2003*)

## Bidirectional search

- Affix tree (*Stoye J., 1995*)
- Affix array (*Strothmann D., 2007*)

# Motivation

- Search for palindromic patterns in large strings
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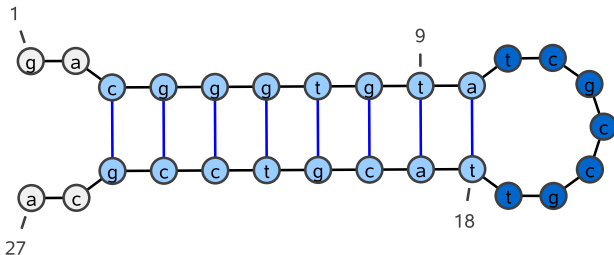


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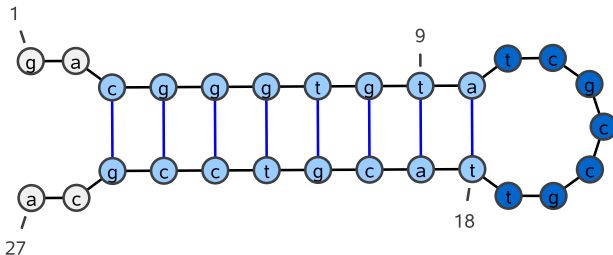
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... ggtgtat **tcgccgt** tacgtc ... ggtgtat **tcgccgt** aacgtc ...

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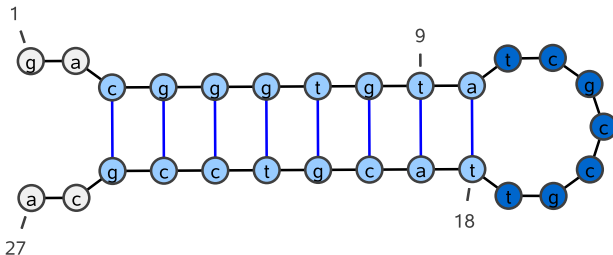


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Given: string  $S = \text{el\_anele\_lepanelen\$}$

$S_1 = \text{el\_anele\_lepanelen\$}$

$S_2 = \text{l\_anele\_lepanelen\$}$

$S_3 = \text{\_anele\_lepanelen\$}$

$\vdots$

$S_{17} = \text{en\$}$

$S_{18} = \text{n\$}$

$S_{19} = \text{\$}$

## Definition (Suffix Array)

The suffix array  $SA$  of a string  $S$  is an array containing a permutation of the numbers in the interval  $[1..n]$  so that

$S_{SA[1]} <_{\text{lex}} S_{SA[2]} <_{\text{lex}} \dots <_{\text{lex}} S_{SA[n]}$ .



# Suffix Array

$i$	$SA[i]$	$S_{SA[i]}$
1	19	\$
2	3	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	9	_lepanelen\$
4	4	anele_lepanelen\$
5	13	anelen\$
6	8	e_lepanelen\$
7	1	el_anele_lepanelen\$
8	6	ele_lepanelen\$
9	15	elen\$
10	17	en\$
11	11	epanelen\$
12	2	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	7	le_lepanelen\$
14	16	len\$
15	10	lepanelen\$
16	18	n\$
17	5	nele_lepanelen\$
18	14	nelen\$
19	12	panelen\$

Lexicographical order  
→  $\omega$ -interval

Every substring  $\omega$  of  $S$   
corresponds to some  
interval

- e-interval [6..11]
- ele-interval [8..9]

# Burrows and Wheeler transform

$i$	$SA[i]$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA[i]}$
1	19	n	\$el_anele_lepanelen
2	3	l	_anele_lepanelen\$el
3	9	e	_lepanelen\$el_anele
4	4	_	anele_lepanelen\$el_
5	13	p	anelen\$el_anele_lep
6	8	l	e_lepanelen\$el_anel
7	1	\$	el_anele_lepanelen\$
8	6	n	ele_lepanelen\$el_an
9	15	n	elen\$el_anele_lepan
10	17	l	en\$el_anele_lepanel
11	11	l	epanelen\$el_anele_l
12	2	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$e
13	7	e	le_lepanelen\$el_ane
14	16	e	len\$el_anele_lepane
15	10	_	lepanelen\$el_anele_
16	18	e	n\$el_anele_lepanele
17	5	a	nele_lepanelen\$el_a
18	14	a	nelen\$el_anele_lepa
19	12	e	panelen\$el_anele_le

# Backward search for “ele” (1/3)

$i$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	e le_lepanelen\$
9	n	e len\$
10	l	e n\$
11	l	e panelen\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$
14	e	len\$
15	-	lepanelen\$
16	e	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	e	panelen\$

**Step 1.** Determination  
of the e-interval

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1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
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4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	e le_lepanelen\$
9	n	e len\$
10	l	e n\$
11	l	e panelen\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$
14	e	len\$
15	-	lepanelen\$
16	e	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	e	panelen\$

**Step 1.** Determination  
of the e-interval

trivial:

$$i_1 = C[e] = 6$$

$$j_1 = C[l] - 1 = 11$$

# Backward search for “le” (2/3)

$i$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	e le_lepanelen\$
9	n	e len\$
10	l	e n\$
11	l	e panelen\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$
14	e	le n\$
15	-	le panelen\$
16	e	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	e	panelen\$

**Step 2.** Determination  
of the le-interval  
(with backward search for l)

# Backward search for "ele" (2/3)

$i$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	e le_lepanelen\$
9	n	e len\$
10	l	e n\$
11	l	e panelen\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$
14	e	le n\$
15	-	le panelen\$
16	e	n\$
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# Backward search for "ele" (2/3)

$i$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	1	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	1	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	e_l_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	e_le_lepanelen\$
9	n	e_len\$
10	1	e_n\$
11	1	e_panelen\$
12	e	_l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$
14	e	le_n\$
15	-	le_panelen\$
16	e	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	e	panelen\$

**Step 2.** Determination of the 1e-interval (with backward search for l)

$$i_2 = C[1] + Occ(1, i_1 - 1) = 12 + 1 = 13$$

$$j_2 = C[1] + Occ(1, j_1) - 1 = 12 + 4 - 1 = 15$$

# Backward search for "ele" (3/3)

<i>i</i>	<i>BWT</i> [ <i>i</i> ]	<i>S</i> <sub>SA</sub> [ <i>i</i> ]
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	el_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	ele_lepanelen\$
9	n	ele n\$
10	l	en\$
11	l	epanelen\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$
14	e	le n\$
15	-	le panelen\$
16	e	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	e	panelen\$

**Step 3.** Determination  
of the ele-interval  
(with backward search for e)



# Backward search for "ele" (3/3)

$i$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	(e)	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	el_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	ele_lepanelen\$
9	n	ele n\$
10	l	en\$
11	l	epanelen\$
12	(e)	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	(e)	le_lepanelen\$
14	(e)	le n\$
15	-	le panelen\$
16	(e)	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	(e)	panelen\$

**Step 3.** Determination  
of the ele-interval  
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$i$	$BWT[i]$	$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	(e)	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	el_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	ele_lepanelen\$
9	n	ele n\$
10	l	en\$
11	l	epanelen\$
12	(e)	l_anele_lepanelen\$
13	(e)	le_lepanelen\$
14	(e)	le n\$
15	-	le panelen\$
16	(e)	n\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$
18	a	nelen\$
19	(e)	panelen\$

## Step 3. Determination of the ele-interval

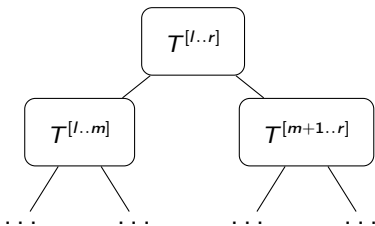
(with backward search for e)

$$i_3 = C[e] + Occ(e, i_2 - 1) = 6 + 2 = 8$$

$$j_3 = C[e] + Occ(e, j_2) - 1 = 6 + 4 - 1 = 9$$

# Definition: Wavelet Tree

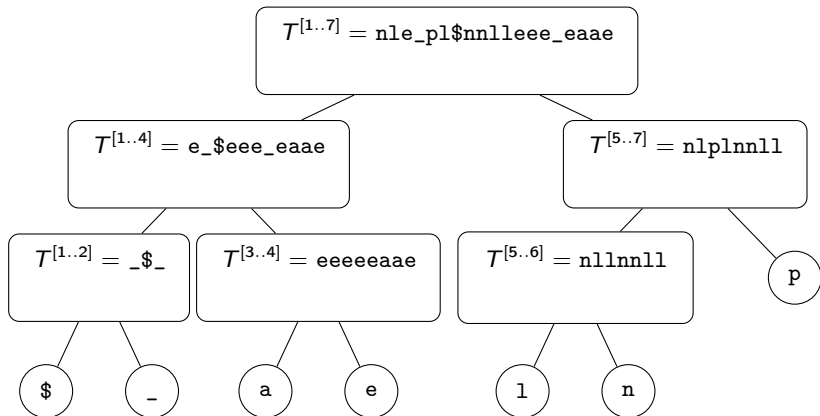
- Every node corresponds to some alphabet interval  $[l..r]$



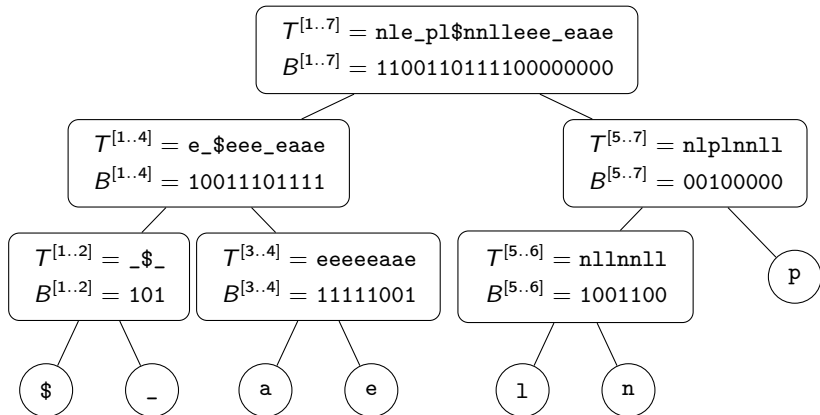
where  $m = \lfloor \frac{l+r}{2} \rfloor$ .

- The root corresponds to the whole alphabet interval  $[1..|\Sigma|]$ .
- $\mathcal{T}^{[l..r]}$  is formed from  $\mathcal{T}$  by deleting characters that are not in the alphabet interval  $[l..r]$ .

# Wavelet Tree of $T = \text{BWT}(S) = \text{nle\_pl\$nnlleee\_eaae}$

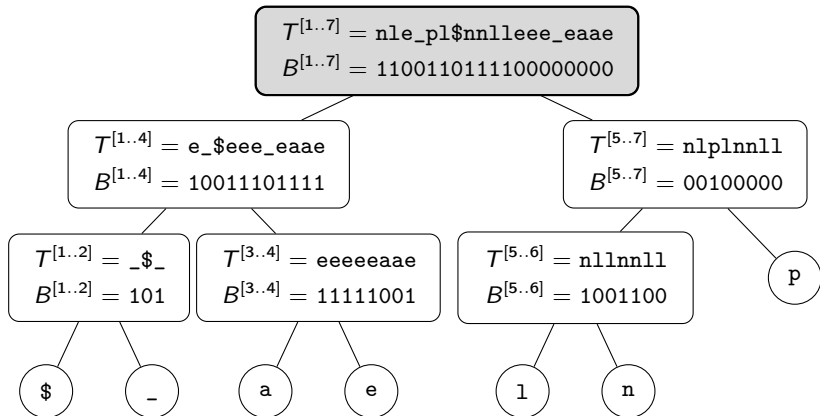


# Wavelet Tree of $T = \text{BWT}(S) = \text{nle\_pl\$nnllee\_eaae}$



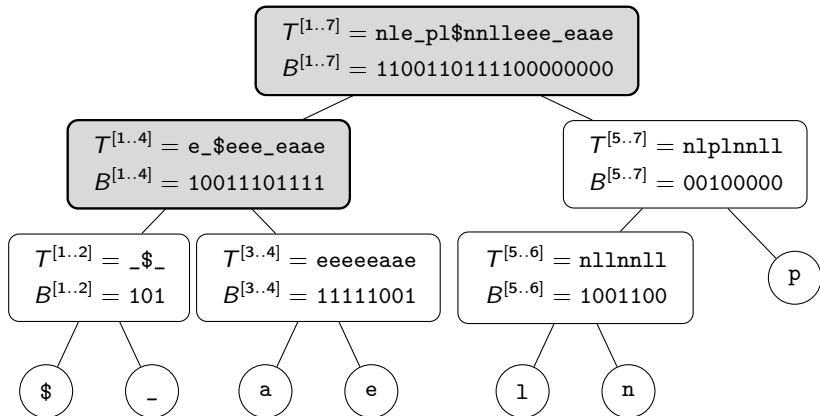
$\text{Occ}(e, 16) =$

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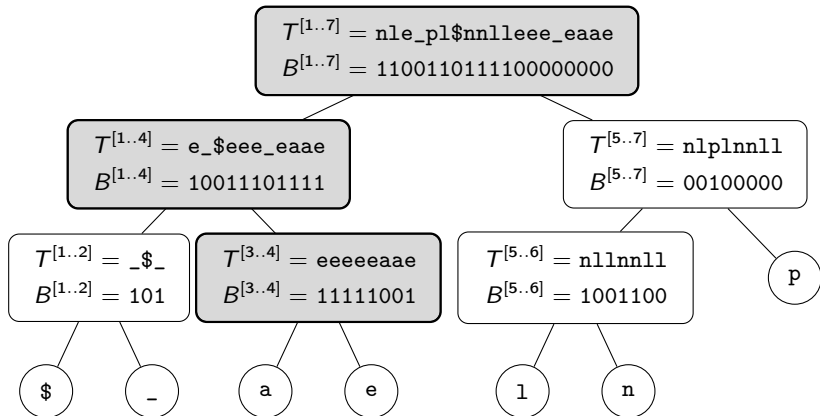
$$Occ(e, 16) = Occ'(e, 16, [1..7]) =$$

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$$\text{Occ}(e, 16) = \text{Occ}'(e, 16, [1..7]) = \text{Occ}'(e, \underbrace{\text{rank}_0(B^{[1..7]}, 16)}_{=8}, [1..4]) =$$

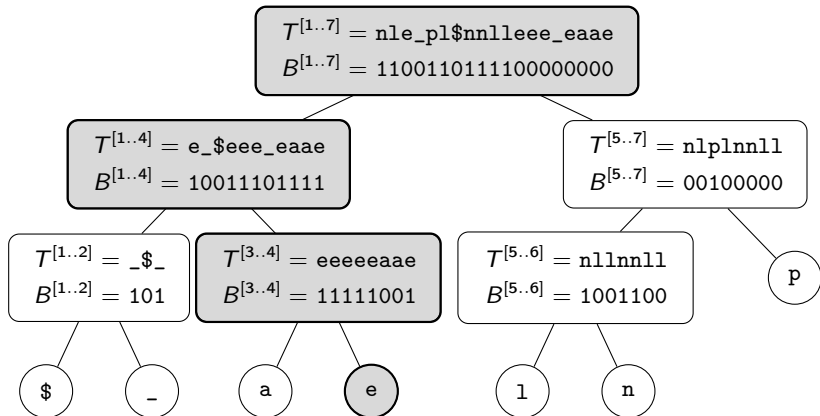
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 &= \text{Occ}'(e, \underbrace{\text{rank}_1(B^{[1..4]}, 8)}_{=5}, [3..4]) =
 \end{aligned}$$



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 &= \text{Occ}'(e, \underbrace{\text{rank}_1(B^{[1..4]}, 8)}_{=5}, [3..4]) = \text{Occ}'(e, \underbrace{\text{rank}_1(B^{[3..4]}, 5)}_{=5}, [4..4]) = 5
 \end{aligned}$$

## Idea:

- one wavelet tree for the string  $BWT(S)$  for backward search, and
- one wavelet tree for the reverse string  $BWT(S^{rev})$  for forward search (by backward searching the reverse text)

## Problem:

- There is no efficient mapping of the intervals of these two indexes.
- So we always have to store both intervals; one search step in one index requires adjustment of the other interval.

# The bidirectional wavelet-index

$i$		$S_{SA[i]}$	$i$		$S_{SA^{rev}}^{rev}[i]$
1	n	\$	1	e	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$	2	l	_elena_le\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$	3	a	_le\$
4	_	anele_lepanelen\$	4	n	a_le\$
5	p	anelen\$	5	n	apel_elena_le\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$	6	l	e \$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$	7	p	e l _elena_le\$
8	n	e le_lepanelen\$	8	_	e l ena_le\$
9	n	e len\$	9	n	e l enapel_elena_le\$
10	l	e n\$	10	l	e n a_le\$
11	l	e panelen\$	11	l	e n apel_elena_le\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$	12	e	l_elena_le\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$	13	_	le\$
14	e	le n\$	14	e	lena_le\$
15	_	le panelen\$	15	e	lenapel_elena_le\$
16	e	n\$	16	e	na_le\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$	17	e	napel_elena_le\$
18	a	nelen\$	18	\$	nelenapel_elena_le\$
19	e	panelen\$	19	a	pel_elena_le\$

# The bidirectional wavelet-index

$i$	$S_{SA}[i]$	$i$	$S_{SA}^{rev}[i]$
1	n \$	1	e \$
2	_anele_lepanelen\$	2	_elena_le\$
3	_lepanelen\$	3	_le\$
4	_anele_lepanelen\$	4	a_le\$
5	anelen\$	5	apel_elena_le\$
6	e_lepanelen\$	6	e \$
7	\$e_l_anele_lepanelen\$	7	p_e_l_elena_le\$
8	n_e_le_lepanelen\$	8	_e_l_ena_le\$
9	n_e_len\$	9	n_e_l_enapel_elena_le\$
10	l_e_n\$	10	l_e_n_a_le\$
11	l_e_panelen\$	11	l_e_n_apel_elena_le\$
12	e_l_anele_lepanelen\$	12	e_l_elena_le\$
13	e_le_lepanelen\$	13	_le\$
14	e_le_n\$	14	e_lena_le\$
15	_le_panelen\$	15	e_lenapel_elena_le\$
16	e_n\$	16	e_na_le\$
17	a_nele_lepanelen\$	17	e_napel_elena_le\$
18	a_nelen\$	18	\$nelenapel_elena_le\$
19	e_panelen\$	19	a_pel_elena_le\$

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1	n	\$	1	e	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$	2	l	_elena_le\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$	3	a	_le\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$	4	n	a_le\$
5	p	anelen\$	5	n	apel_elena_le\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$	6	l	e \$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$	7	p	e l _elena_le\$
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12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$	12	e	l_elena_le\$
13	e	le_lepanelen\$	13	-	le\$
14	e	le n\$	14	e	lena_le\$
15	-	le panelen\$	15	e	lenapel_elena_le\$
16	e	n\$	16	e	na_le\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$	17	e	napel_elena_le\$
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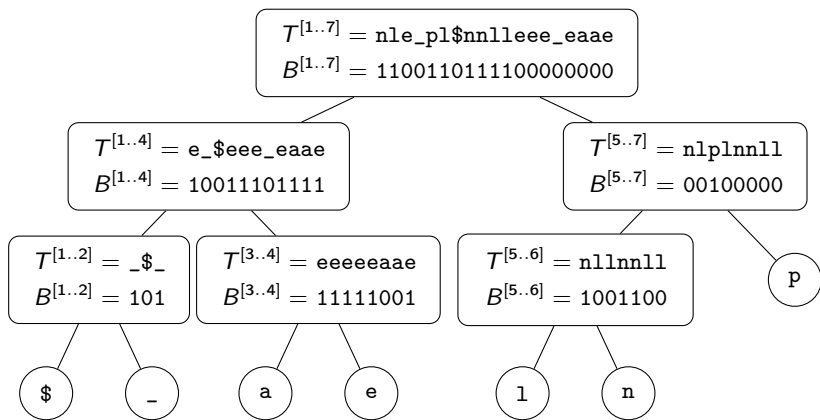
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3	e	_lepanelen\$	3	a	_le\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$	4	n	a_le\$
5	p	anelen\$	5	n	apel_elena_le\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$	6	l	(e)\$
7	\$	e_l_anele_lepanelen\$	7	p	(e)l_elena_le\$
8	n	e_le_lepanelen\$	8	-	e)l_ena_le\$
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11	l	e)panelen\$	11	l	(e)n)apel_elena_le\$
12	e	l_anele_lepanelen\$	12	e	l)_elena_le\$
13	e	(le)_lepanelen\$	13	-	le\$
14	e	(le)n\$	14	e	l)ena_le\$
15	-	(le)panelen\$	15	e	l)enapel_elena_le\$
16	e	n\$	16	e	n)a_le\$
17	a	nele_lepanelen\$	17	e	n)apel_elena_le\$
18	a	nelen\$	18	\$	n)enapel_elena_le\$
19	e	panelen\$	19	a	p)el_elena_le\$

# The bidirectional wavelet-index

$i$		$S_{SA}[i]$
1	n	\$
2	l	_anele_lepanelen\$
3	e	_lepanelen\$
4	-	anele_lepanelen\$
5	p	anelen\$
6	l	e_lepanelen\$
7	\$	e l_anele_lepanelen\$
8	n	e le_lepanelen\$
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13	e	le_lepanelen\$
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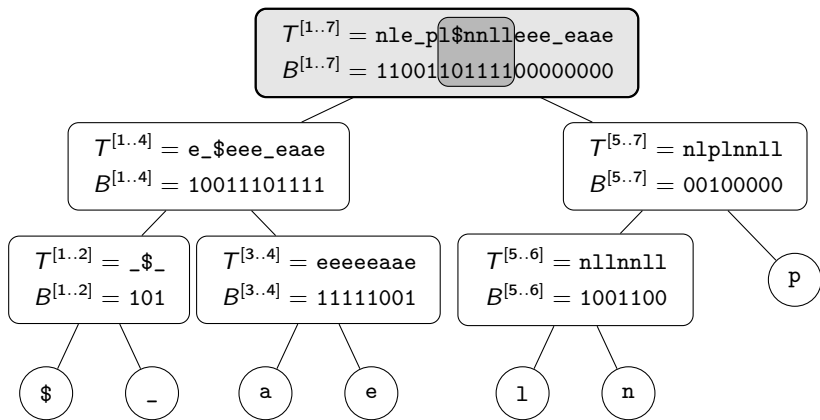
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4	n	a_le\$
5	n	apel_elena_le\$
6	l	e \$
7	p	e l_elena_le\$
8	-	e l ena_le\$
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12	e	l_elena_le\$
13	-	le\$
14	e	lena_le\$
15	e	lenapel_elena_le\$
16	e	na_le\$
17	e	napel_elena_le\$
18	\$	nelenapel_elena_le\$
19	a	pel_elena_le\$

# The function *getBounds*



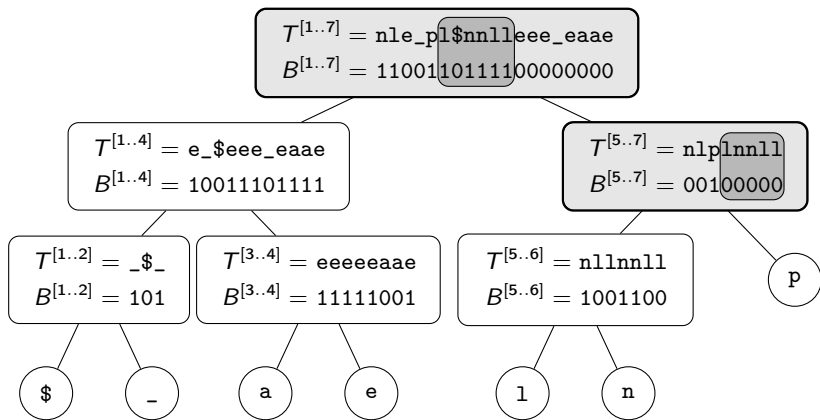


# The function *getBounds*



① *getBounds*([6..11], [1..7], 1) → 1 character smaller than 1.

# The function *getBounds*

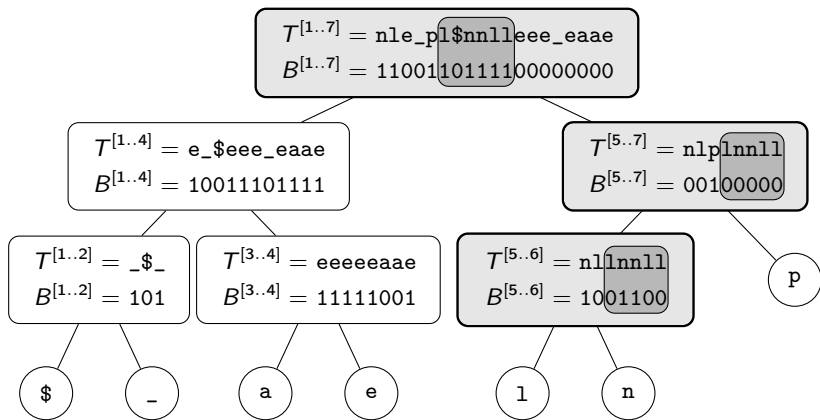


① *getBounds*([6..11], [1..7], 1)

② *getBounds*([4..8], [5..7], 1)

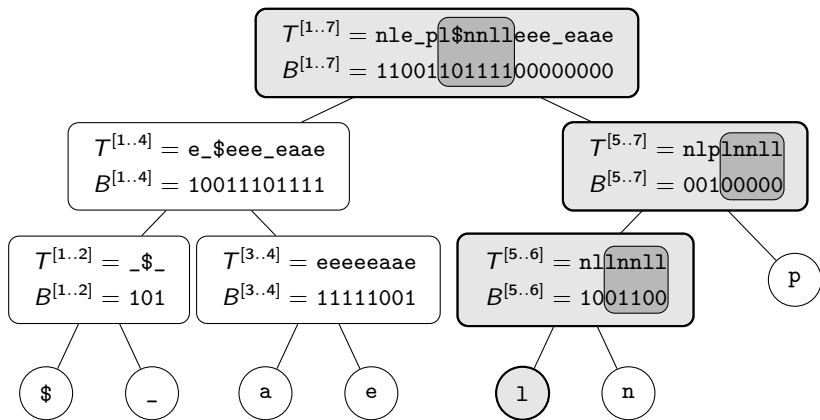
→ 1 character smaller than 1.

# The function *getBounds*



- 1  $getBounds([6..11], [1..7], 1)$  → 1 character smaller than 1.
- 2  $getBounds([4..8], [5..7], 1)$
- 3  $getBounds([3..7], [5..6], 1)$  → 2 characters greater than 1.

# The function *getBounds*



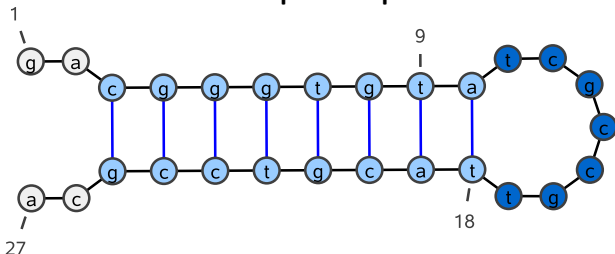
- 1  $getBounds([6..11], [1..7], 1)$  → 1 character smaller than 1.
- 2  $getBounds([4..8], [5..7], 1)$
- 3  $getBounds([3..7], [5..6], 1)$  → 2 characters greater than 1.
- 4  $getBounds([2..4], [5..5], 1)$

# The bidirectional wavelet-index

$i$	$S_{SA}[i]$	$i$	$S_{SA}^{rev}[i]$
1	n \$	1	e \$
2	l _anele_lepanelen\$	2	l _elena_le\$
3	e _lepanelen\$	3	a _le\$
4	- anele_lepanelen\$	4	n a_le\$
5	p anelen\$	5	n apel_elena_le\$
6	l e_lepanelen\$	6	l e \$
7	\$ e l_anele_lepanelen\$	7	p e l _elena_le\$
8	n e le_lepanelen\$	8	- e l ena_le\$
9	n e len\$	9	n e l enapel_elena_le\$
10	l e n\$	10	l e n a_le\$
11	l e panelen\$	11	l e n apel_elena_le\$
12	e l_anele_lepanelen\$	12	e l _elena_le\$
13	e le_lepanelen\$	13	- le\$
14	e le n\$	14	e lena_le\$
15	- le panelen\$	15	e lenapel_elena_le\$
16	e n\$	16	e na_le\$
17	a nele_lepanelen\$	17	e napel_elena_le\$
18	a nelen\$	18	\$ nelenapel_elena_le\$
19	e panelen\$	19	a pel_elena_le\$

# Experimental comparison (1/2)

## "Hairpin Loop"



(possible base pairs are  $a-t$ ,  $c-g$  and  $g-t$ )

### Patterns:

- P1 = (stem:=N{10,50}) (loop:=GGAC) ^stem
- P2 = (stem:=N{15,20}) (loop:=N{5}) ^stem
- P3 = (stem:=N{15,20}) (loop:=(A|C){15}) ^stem

## Experimental comparison (2/2)

### Text:

the first 1 billion characters of the human genome

### Results:

index	size	P1	P2	P3
<i>SA, Occ + text</i>	4408 MB	41 ms	22208 ms	249 ms
<i>CSA/Occ + text</i>	1053 MB	651 ms	345860 ms	6528 ms
<i>BWI</i>	799 MB	79 ms	28373 ms	274 ms

Compare: affix tree (42915 MB), affix array (17166 MB)

**Thank you for your attention.**

**Any questions?**



## Another Comparison

<b>index</b>	<b>size</b>	P1	P2	P3
<i>SA, Occ + text</i>	4408 MB	< 1s	22s	< 1s
<i>CSA/Occ + text</i>	1053 MB	< 1s	5m 46s	7s
<i>BWI</i>	799 MB	< 1s	28s	< 1s
<i>Affix tree</i>	42915 MB	-	-	-
<i>Affix array</i>	17166 MB	-	-	-
<i>RNAmotif</i>	0 MB	9m 34s	15m 59s	1m 16s